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SPECIAL MENTION.

Three Deaths—H. C. Black's Dairy Farm.

John M. Sanford, who formerly lived south of Mexico and who later was a brick layer here, died the 18th inst. at the Ex-Confederate Home at Higginsville.

R. H. Nichols, out beyond Molino, called on the Message Monday. Mr. Nichols thinks that if the electric railway should happen to be torn up by a foreclosure sale it would be a calamity to all his country round about; it would be a hurt that could not be recovered from in years. Mr. Nichols is feeding 29 shoats and 7 brood sows. Cholera has never troubled him and he hopes it may never do so.

Jake Buckner, south of Mexico, with an automatic shot gun, killed 25 wild ducks one day last week which alighted on a pond near his house.

T. H. Slavens, visiting in Mexico, says the Message has gotten him into a mess of trouble by saying he has a Sunday school class of 13 men and they are the smartest fellows in town. The boys are all smart all right, but it happens that half the class are ladies—and there's where we missed it; the ladies are just as smart as the men. Mr. Slavens says he can't go home till we make this correction. He lives down at Laddonia, you know.

Miss Mary Runkle, 89 years old, formerly of Mexico, a sister of the late Bass Runkle here, died last Saturday at the Christian Home for Aged Women at Jacksonville, Ill.

Z. T. Bondurant of Vandalia passed over the Alton Sunday enroute home from Frederick, Okla., where he had been visiting his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Bondurant. His mother has been afflicted with lagrip for the past four weeks and is in very feeble health, not seeming to improve very much. However, we hope for her speedy recovery. Zach reports a heavy rain over most of that State last week, making agricultural prospects very bright to the farmers out there at present. Oats in the Southern part are all sown and coming up and together with the wheat crop looks well.

H. C. Black, who is operating the Diamond Dairy and Poultry Farm, just west of Mexico, called at Message headquarters Monday. Mr. Black has a wonderful equipment out there. He operates six incubators and has a brick brooder house for 3,000 chicks. He can give you a fresh chicken fry any day you want it. His dairy barn cost \$1,800 and has a brick wall basement. All the floors are granitoid and the floors are thoroughly washed every morning—everything kept sanitary. Mr. Black is milking 20 Jersey cows at present and finds a ready market for all his products. He is a pushing fellow and we wish him success.

The musical given at the Methodist church Sunday night, presented by Miss Maud Orita Wallace and by a male quartet, composed of Messrs. Paul St. Vrain, Ray Miller, Charles Harmon and Lewis Rice, was a great success. A large crowd was present and all greatly enjoyed the program.

Mrs. Willard Atkinson and small child, of East St. Louis, arrived a few days ago on a visit to Mrs. James Atkinson here.

EXCITING SMASHUP.

Former Candidate For County Judge Has a Lively Horse.

Sam J. Bowne, Jr., had another smashup Wednesday morning with his spirited harness horse that came near proving disastrous to him, says the Centralia Guard.

Mr. Bowne, who is a deputy constable, was driving past Mrs. H. N. Ess' place on his road to serve some legal papers, when he met W. T. Hodge in his automobile. The horse became unruly and leaped over the picket fence into Mrs. Ess' yard, tearing down two panels of the fence with the buggy. He then bolted toward the house and was headed on a straight line for one of the large windows, when some one shouted to him, making him turn, the buggy dashing against the house and shattering the windows, scattering bits of broken glass all over the room. One of the inmates of the room was sitting in the window when the horse came into the yard but ran away from the glass in time to avoid injury. The horse kicked the buggy loose and ran across the yard and jumped over the yard fence breaking a large cedar post but coming off without a scratch.

The buggy was so badly demolished that it will not pay to try to repair it. Mr. Bowne left the buggy when the horse started through the front yard fence and was not injured.

POWELL FORD.

A two inch snow fell Sunday, and first of last week was so warm some were thinking of sowing oats.

Mrs. Oscar Lewis is the first to have little chickens in this vicinity. She has some three weeks old. Several have incubators set in this neighborhood.

Misses Edna and Anna McMurry, who are attending school at Hardin College, attended the D. A. R. reception at the Ringo Hotel Friday evening.

We are glad to hear Judge Carter's condition is much improved. Euell Pasley and wife will move this week to a farm in Callaway county.

The Willing Workers of Rising Sun church will serve dinner at Judge Carter's sale Friday, February 28th.

J. Lewis of Mexico and Oscar Lewis purchased some corn of Euell Pasley at 45 cents per bushel.

Mrs. Mansfield has rented the Schutte farm and is moving. We were sorry to hear of August Schutte locating in Canada. We wish him good luck.

Mrs. Chaney Dead.

Mrs. Ellen Chaney, 64 years old, died last Sunday morning of pneumonia at the home of her daughter in this city, Mrs. John Clich. The body was taken to Holt Summit, Mo., for burial. Another daughter of Mrs. Chaney, Mrs. Wm. Willingham, resides near Laddonia.

Miss Lucile Sommers, of McCredie, Callaway county, a sister of Mrs. Omar Fant of Mexico, was married one day last week to Mr. Paul Taylor, of near McCredie.

J. S. Wilson, of Grinnell, Iowa, who owns a fine farm down near Rush Hill, paid the Message a business call Monday. He says Charlie Maxwell will have charge of his farm this year.

Mrs. M. S. Carter, of Centralia, attended the funeral of J. W. Lee in Mexico last Thursday.

Mrs. T. M. Shock, southwest of Mexico, has been quite ill.

Mrs. Catherine Lyle.

Died at her home three miles east of Excello, Mo., Tuesday, February 11, between 2 and 3 o'clock p. m. Aged 68 years, 3 months and 8 days. Mrs. Catherine Lyle was the widow of R. P. Lyle who died May 20, 1902. Their marriage occurred Nov. 26, 1863. To this union eight children were born, four sons and four daughters, two of whom died in childhood. Those living are Mrs. Sink Bishop, Mrs. Charlie Cole, John and Jude Lyle, all of Mexico, Mo., Mrs. Eddie Waller of Weir City, Kan., and Thomas W. Lyle of Guion, Ark. She leaves two sisters and six brothers, Mrs. Sallie Lyle, of Fayette, Mo., Mrs. Margaret Lyle of Boone county, and William, Thomas, George, Daniel and Leet, of Macon county, Mo.; also Richard Waller of Weir City, Kan. She also leaves 17 grandchildren and two great grandchildren and many other relatives and friends to mourn her death. Sister Lyle professed religion in early life and was baptized in the fellowship of Friendship Baptist church of Macon, Mo., by Rev. T. M. Caldwell. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. R. Skinner, at Friendship church, Thursday, at 2:30 p. m.

Clare Harding Making Good.

Dr. T. H. Winans shows the Message a copy of a Cairo, Ill., paper which gives account of a great revival meeting that is being held at Makanda, Ill. Rev. O. L. Martin, known all over the United States, is doing the preaching and Clare Harding, of Mexico, Mo., is conducting the chorus. The Illinois paper in speaking of Mr. Harding says: Clare Harding is pre-eminently a soloist and as such he should be classed, although he is very effective as a director also. He believes in the old songs and drills his chorus on them more than on the newer ones. Nobody shirks in Clare Harding's chorus. They work and they work hard. They come into the chorus from all the churches, and they all watch Clare Harding at every note they sing.

At Makanda the chorus is limited only by the seating capacity of the stage, which is made of rough planks laid on bales of hay.

The meeting at Makanda is a proof that all big things do not require a big city for a setting. Big men will do big things wherever you find them.

Thomas Gregory, a brother-in-law of Mrs. J. M. Burhop of Mexico, died at his home in Fulton last Saturday.

RUSH HILL ITEMS.

Miss Sullivan, Fine Teacher—Ralph Cornett's Birthday.

More snow, more winter weather. We thought we heard a meadow lark one day last week, but probably we were mistaken. Guess it must have been a snow bird.

P. B. Yates, the 2nd trick operator here, has gone to Drake, Illinois, as agent. L. F. Peery is working 2nd and A. R. Cash of Curryville is 3rd trick operator here.

Mrs. P. B. Yates is visiting relatives in Ashley and Bowling Green, Mo.

J. R. Hodges and family will move onto a farm near Farber this spring. We regret very much to see this good family leave our town, but wish them all success in their new home.

Mrs. L. W. Roberts returned to her home in Mexico Sunday after visiting friends and relatives here for several days.

Miss Nettie Knoebel, of Mexico, spent Sunday afternoon with homefolks here.

Master Ralph Cornett celebrated his 7th birthday last Saturday by entertaining his little classmates with a party. The little guests were Masters Glenn Maxwell, Elmer Baehr, Estelle Fox, Walter Barney, Cedric Carnes, Hardin Meyers and Howard Maxwell. Miss Maude Cornett and her mother served delicious refreshments. The little fellows all report a fine time.

We were much interested in the item in last week's Message about the debate between Prairie Lea and Hedge Dale schools, as Miss Sullivan taught in our school here for four years, and was loved by the patrons as well as pupils. It seemed we could not give her up to another school, but as she was needed in her home we were compelled to let her go. Our loss was Prairie Lea's gain. But some time in the near future we are going to try very hard to get her again. She is one of the very best teachers in the State.

Bro. Leonard preached two fine sermons at the Christian church Sunday.

The new Catholic church is now nearing completion.

A medicine show was in town all last week.

The piano contest now being run by W. S. Doolin is causing a great deal of excitement among the contestants.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cawthorn, of Thompson, are in Texas on a pleasure trip.

DIES SUDDENLY.

G. W. Day Drops Dead in Depot at Laddonia.

George W. Day, about 72 years of age, last Saturday, just after dinner, walked to the railroad station from his home in Laddonia and just as he entered the building he fell, dying a few minutes later. The death was a great shock to the community.

Mr. Day was a native of Putnam county, Ind. He was a Union soldier and was one among the first to join an army of 10,000 from the Hoosier State in answer to Abe Lincoln's call for 300,000 men to put down the Rebellion.

Mr. Day came to Audrain county in the early seventies and settled on 320 acres of unimproved land six miles north and one mile west of Laddonia. He lived there until a few years ago, when his house burned, after which he moved to Laddonia. George Day was an honest man; generous, courteous, he always met a friend with the warmest greetings. We regret to record his passing away. The wife survives him, besides two sons, Noah and Cheever Day. To these bereft ones we extend deepest sympathy.

Mrs. Jones Dead.

Mrs. Sallie Jones, 65 years old, died at her home in this city last Saturday morning after a two weeks' illness of typhoid pneumonia. Mrs. Jones was a native of Carlisle, Ky., and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hall. She moved to Missouri in her early womanhood and was married here to Mr. Eugene E. Jones, who survives her. The family had lived in this city for many years. About 12 years since Mr. Jones was Mayor of our city. The following children also survive her: Mrs. Matt Dunn, of McCredie; Miss Judith Jones and Hall and Sam Jones, all of this city. Mrs. Jones was a splendid Christian character, a member of the Methodist church. The funeral was conducted at the home Sunday afternoon by her pastor, Rev. W. F. Dinkle, assisted by Rev. W. A. Shullenberger, of the Christian church, and Rev. A. A. Wallace, of the Presbyterian church. Burial in Elmwood.

The pall bearers were Judge J. A. Guthrie, J. G. Lakenau, S. P. Emmons, Sam Locke, W. W. Harper and Willard Potts.

Miss Lena Bryarly returned home Saturday from a week's visit with Miss Beatrice Johnson of Moberly. Miss Johnson entertained in honor of her guest.

SKINNER NEWS.

Interesting Stock Items—Refused \$130 for Jersey Cow—Personals.

Another eventful snow came fleeting along Sunday.

Saturday was a wintry day, coming as it did so close on the heels of summer weather.

At Lewis Rudasill's sale things brought good prices. Included in the sale was a span of eight year old mare mules at \$515.00.

A Jersey cow at Jake Shoush's sale was knocked off for \$127.50, but the owner didn't let her sell, refused afterwards \$130.00. Pretty high for a little cow, isn't it?

Mrs. De Jarnatt left Sunday for Columbia to visit her sister, Mrs. Joseph Pickett and family.

J. L. Carpenter has a load of fine bovines fat and ready for market.

Regular services at Bethlehem Saturday and Sunday. The ladies take lunch Sunday and have another service soon after dinner.

The writer is sorry to see so many disastrous fires in Mexico lately.

John Stowers will occupy one of Ceph Mackey's farms the oncoming season.

Hugh Eisele moved to the Jesse Wagner 160 acre farm last Wednesday which he will cultivate this year.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fenlow, a baby girl.

The writer extends heartiest congratulations to James Wisdom and bride of a few days. May their future life be as pleasant and joyous as a bright May day morn.

Mr. and Mrs. Enoch King, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Neale and P. T. Bruce enjoyed Sunday with Alex. Bruce and family.

Alvin Coleman moved to near Strother one day last week.

T. J. Gatewood died February 13th, of a stroke of paralysis and general breakdown. Funeral services the following Saturday at Midway, by Rev. Egan Herndon, where the interment took place.

A large crowd out which speaks well for the esteem in which deceased was held in the community. He was 79 years old and leaves his second wife, Mrs. Jennie Gatewood, three daughters, Misses Alice, Ollie and Minnie Gatewood of Kansas City, Beauregard, of El Paso, Texas, Will O. of St. Louis, Elmer at home and a brother in Texas, to mourn his demise. He was a Universalist and Christian Scientist in belief.

John Lierly and Miss Nora Berrey were married in Mexico's Blue Room by Judge Botts on the 17th inst. They went to house-keeping on her farm north of here. Ex-County Assessor Taylor Berrey witnessed the ceremony.

Dudley-Crum Nuptials.

Mr. Robert Crum, the son of Mr. Peter Crum, southeast of this city, and Miss Florence G. Dudley, daughter of Mr. J. T. Dudley, of Washington district, south of here, were united in marriage at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. C. A. Mitchell, in Mexico, at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon of last week. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Crum long life and happiness.

Miss Corinne Crockett, a sister of Mrs. Ralph Dean and Mrs. George Dean, southwest of this city, has a part in the great Mission Play this year which is given annually near Los Angeles, Cal. The papers speak in the highest praise of Miss Crockett's cleverness in performing her part.

Marriage license was issued here Sunday to Mr. Mack Evans and Mrs. Mary Lula Evans, both of Monroe county.

LADDONIA A BIG WINNER

High School Beats Vandalia and Perry in Debates.

Laddonia, Mo., Feb. 19.—In a debate last night between the Vandalia and Laddonia high schools at Vandalia, Laddonia won. The victors were on the negative side of the question: "Resolved, That foreign immigration to the United States should be further restricted by the imposition of the educational test." Dr. R. L. Alford and Hon. E. C. Waters of Vandalia, and W. H. Logan, were the judges. The Vandalia school was represented by Johnson, Bland and Devault, and Laddonia by Crandell, Alexander and Miss Joe Smith.

Laddonia, Mo., Feb. 23.—The debate between the Laddonia and Perry High schools Saturday night was another victory for the former.

Just a week ago they defeated the Vandalia High and were feeling mighty good. The question was: "Resolved, That Immigration Should Be Further Restricted by a Literary Test."

The judges were Prof. J. W. Million, president of Hardin College, Mexico; Prof. E. S. Comer, superintendent of New London High School, and Prof. E. B. Street, principal of McMillan School, Mexico.

The contestants were: Perry—Gill Rouse, B. Shepherd and Owen Jackson. Laddonia—Miss Joe Smith, Wallace Crandall and Everett Alexander. The decision of the judges was unanimous.

BEREA ITEMS.

The ground is covered with a light fall of snow.

Mrs. Lizzie B. Ellis is ill. The small child of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley, on the W. W. Johnson farm, is quite sick.

Felix Martin went down to Rush Hill Wednesday to visit his small grandson who was quite ill at that time.

Mrs. J. E. Mundy, Jake Gardner and Almer Mundy spent Thursday with Mrs. Homer Roberts.

Miss Pollie Powell of Mexico closed a six months' term of school at Berea Friday.

P. R. Cawthorn and family spent Thursday with John Cawthorn and family of Molino.

Mrs. R. M. Roberts of east of Mexico visited Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Arnold and other friends here recently.

We are glad to learn that Curtis Sharp, who underwent an operation for appendicitis in a hospital at Moberly recently, is getting along nicely.

Miss Willie Mundy, who is attending Hardin College, was the recent guest of home folks here.

Miss Lelia Lipp returned Monday from a week's visit with her aunt, Mrs. J. E. Clark of near Benton City.

Bishop John J. Hogan, who died in Kansas City last Friday at the age of 83, was located in this city 57 years ago. He was the first Roman Catholic priest ever to hold services here.

Dr. W. L. Reed has been on the sick list.

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